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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB EX PARTE NO. 646 (Sub No. 1)
Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases

Notice of Intent to Participate

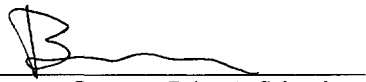
August 31, 2006

The Honorable Brian A. Schweitzer
Governor – State of Montana

Comes now, the Honorable Brian A. Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana submits this Notice of Intent to Participate in STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub No. 1), *Simplified Standard in Rail Rate Cases* pursuant to the decision of the Surface Transportation Board served on July 26, 2006.

By virtue of this Notice, Governor Schweitzer informs the Board of its intent to participate in the proceeding. Copies of all pleadings and other documents filed in this proceeding, and all decisions and orders, should also be served directly upon this representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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